Humanities Strategic Investment Fund (HSIF): Internationalisation

The Faculty of Humanities welcomes funding applications to support research, teaching and related activities that support the internationalisation agenda. Applications should further the Faculty’s goal of working with the best universities worldwide, whether global or national leaders in their fields, producing high quality publications and leading to future grant applications or teaching partnerships. They may also enable building relationships with leading global institutions, governmental or non-governmental. We welcome applications based on the following activities:

* **Category One**: building research (or related) networks
* **Category Two:** academic mobility grants

Details on the focus and conditions of the award can be seen below. The review of applications will be led by the Associate Dean for Internationalisation, Professor Angelia Wilson, in consultation with the Dean of Humanities.

It is the expectation that applications to this fund will foster high-level collaboration, leading to joint-submissions to larger international research funding sources (e.g. Newton, H2020, GCRF, FIC), the production of world-class research outputs, and other research or teaching partnerships that may contribute to the University’s strategic goal of increasing its standing as a World-leading institution.

All applications may support the strategic development of links with one of the identified strategic partners below. We will consider projects with partners who are not identified as part of this list, providing they are deemed high-ranking and of strategic priority for the Faculty/School/research institute/function area.

**Discussion on the scope and remit of applications is welcomed, and can be discussed directly with Angelia Wilson** email a.r.wilson@manchester.ac.uk

**For any queries, please email Faculty Business Manager Nicky Snook** nicky.snook@manchester.ac.uk

**Application forms for the two categories are at the end of this document.**

**Deadline for all applications is May 3rd. Awards will be announced by May 12th.**

Category one: Research networks

**For financial year 2021-2022 Deadline for all applications is May 3rd.**

**Focus of the award:** To support our internationalisation strategy, the Faculty of Humanities has allocated a dedicated budget within HSIF to provide match-funding for Schools to foster specific strategic international research, teaching & learning partnerships.

Applications should demonstrate the strategic importance of this partnership and the expected outcomes as a result of the funding.

Applicants are encouraged to consider online research network building activities alongside any collaboration that may require travel. This fund is not designed to support attendance to conferences.

**Conditions of award**

* The application must have endorsement from the Head of School (or nominated lead for this fund) and signed by School Head of Finance.
* The application is made on the basis of match-funding from the School budget or match funding from the partner institution (but not funding in kind).
* The strategic partnership is with one of the universities that have been identified by the Faculty as a priority for building strategic partnerships in line with the objectives of the Faculty Internationalisation Strategy (see below) or with a leading global institution or organisation.
* As with other HSIF awards, cross-School collaboration is encouraged.

**Application process:**The lead researcher, working with the School lead for Internationalisation, will submit a completed application form (below) **and** the following:

* a brief explanation (**maximum one page**) of how the proposed partnership aligns with, and will support, the delivery of the Faculty and School’s strategic plan, and will establish various forms of cooperation and partnership (research, co-publication, further grant applications, teaching programmes) with the specified partners below or other major institutions.
* a proposal (**maximum two page**) which presents the context, project aims and objectives, online networking activities, and budget request (up to a maximum of £7,500 per annum faculty funding request, with an equivalent level of funding committed by the School, nominated partner institution, or external funding source). **Please speak to your School internationalisation lead regarding deadlines for internal school match funding as necessary.**
* A clear outline (**maximum one page**) of what the expected outcomes for the project to be included as part of the application.
* Following Head of School and Head of School Finance sign-off, applications should be sent to nicky.snook@manchester.ac.uk

**Governance process**

* The Associate Dean for Internationalisation, with the Vice-President and Dean of Humanities, and other nominated members of the Faculty Leadership team will review all applications. Outcomes will be notified by the Business Manager.
* All successful applicants will be asked to write a final one-page report about the activity and the outcomes, including any joint research funding applications, publications, or teaching collaborations, and how these contribute to the School and/or Faculty strategic plan.

Category Two: Academic Mobility Grants

**For financial year 2021-2022 Deadline for all applications is May 3rd.**

**Focus of the awards:** These are smaller scale awards designed to help individual academics to explore and solidify their international relationships with leading institutions or organisations in preparation for greater collaboration.

Examples of activity this fund might support may include visits in preparation for visiting scholar/distinguished chair applications, exploratory visits and similar opportunities.

Applicants are encouraged to consider online research network building activities alongside any collaboration that may require travel. This fund is not intended to support conference attendance.

**Conditions of award:**

* Applications **do not** need School match funding
* Awards are limited to a maximum of £2,500 for a one-off project/visit for the UoM based researcher.
* The strategic partnership is with one of the universities that have been identified by the Faculty as a priority for building strategic partnerships in line with the objectives of the Faculty Internationalisation Strategy or is of strategic priority to the School/institute.
* The application must have sign-off from the School Research Director (or nominated school lead).

**Application process:**

In addition to the application form below, the applicant should submit:

* a brief explanation (**maximum one page**) of how the proposed partnership aligns with, and will support, the delivery of the Faculty and School’s strategic plan, and will establish various forms of cooperation and partnership (research, co-publication, further grant applications, teaching programmes) with the specified partners below or other major institutions.
* a proposal (**maximum one page**) which presents the context, project aims and objectives, online networking activities, budget request and a clear outline of the expected outcomes for the project.
* Following the Head-of-School/School Research Director sign-off, applications to be sent to [nicky.snook@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:nicky.snook@manchester.ac.uk)

**Governance process**

* The Associate Dean for Internationalisation, with the Vice-President and Dean of Humanities, and other nominated members of the Faculty Leadership team will review all applications. Outcomes will be notified by the Business Manager.
* All successful applicants will be asked to write a final one-page report about the activity and the outcomes, including any joint research funding applications, publications, or teaching collaborations, and how these contribute to the School and/or Faculty strategic plan.

Strategic partners

The Faculty is particularly interested in supporting activity with the strategic partners listed below. However, other Universities and organisations (for example, global governance institutions such as the United Nations) will be considered, providing they are of prestigious standing (Top 50 Global QS ranking or national leaders etc) and a case for clear strategic benefits is made in the application. Please email Angelia Wilson [a.r.wilson@manchester](mailto:a.r.wilson@manchester) to discuss this further.

**Identified strategic partners include:**

* Indiana University, USA
* University of Copenhagen, Denmark
* University of Melbourne, Australia
* University of Toronto, Canada
* Tel Aviv University
* National University of Singapore, Singapore
* China University Hong Kong
* Renmin University of China, China
* Beijing Normal University, China

In addition to the above institutions, we are keen to support engagement with globally and nationally leading institutions in the following regions:

* North America
* China
* Europe
* Applications to support engagement with countries/regions in anticipation of applying to significant external funding partners will also be considered.

**HSIF Internationalisation**

**Application form for Category ONE & TWO**

**Research Networks and Academic Mobility Grant 2021-2022**

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| **Proposal Details**  Proposal Title: |

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| **Lead Academic Details**  Title and full name:  School:  Department/Division:  **Details of collaborative institutions:**  Title and full name:  Institution:  School/Division: |

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| **Proposal outline - see notes above in descriptions of Category 1 and Category 2 funding.**  **Applications (of 2-4 pages as noted above) should include the following information:**  **Project summary**   * Project aims and objectives * Outline the context and impetus for the initiative * List the team responsible for delivering the project * Does the project engage with community, governmental, or non-academic partners? Where relevant, the project might briefly indicate any impact plans. * What online networking activities are included alongside in-person research collaboration? * Have you sought the advice of the School/Department Research Director, Head of Department? (as necessary)   **Strategic relevance**   * State how the initiative relates to the core Research and/or Internationalisation goals of the School(s) involved, and how this will feed into the overarching Faculty/University strategic plan for collaboration with strategic partners.   **Purpose of investment**   * In what way will this Fund develop, expand or enhance the work of the project and the collaboration therein? * What are the particularly innovative features of this proposal? * What online networking opportunities have been established for the project or to facilitate wider research engagement?   **Work programme and outputs**   * Project start date and duration. The funding is for the financial year 2021-2022 **only**. * In a summary table present the planned work programme: itemise the tasks/activities and outputs (interim and final) against a delivery timeline including anticipated results (i.e. large grant application, special journal issue) beyond the end of the project’s funding. * Outline specific information regarding further funding opportunities this project will lead to (e.g., Joint applications to international research networks; 4\* publication output etc) * Academic staff costs will not be funded * Potential Research Grant applications - Research Council/Sponsor, funding stream, indicative value of grant being submitted and submission deadline. * For knowledge exchange and impact projects – what are the expected outputs and impacts from the project? |

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| **Proposal Finance**   * **Where relevant, approval by the Head of School and School Finance to match-fund this proposal must be secured before the application can be submitted to the Business Manager,** [**Nicky.Snook@manchester.ac.uk**](mailto:Nicky.Snook@manchester.ac.uk) **Costs and funding request should be for the financial year August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.** | | |
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\*Please note: funding requests outside of the financial years listed above will not be guaranteed.

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| **Head of School Declaration:**  I have reviewed the proposal information supplied and authorise the submission of this proposal for review by the relevant Associate Dean and/or Deans Advisory Group |
| Head of School (1) name, signature and date |

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| **Financial Declaration: (Only required for Category 1: Building research or related networks)**  I have reviewed the financial content of this proposal and I confirm all financial information included is accurate and has been checked, ready for review by the relevant Associate Dean and the Deans Advisory Group. |
| Head of School Finance name, signature and date |